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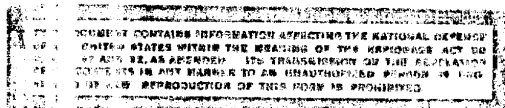
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1. In early December 1952, the Verband Grossenhain had a total strength of about 1,200 officers and men. The KVPD was allegedly to receive replacements in January 1953. The instruction units were deactivated in early December 1952, when about 70 percent of their personnel were made NCOs. ¹
2. From mid-January to 12 February, the Verband received up to 20 replacements daily. Newly activated units moved to undetermined places without receiving any training. ²
3. On 12 February, the three regiments of Verband Grossenhain consisted of about 300 men each. Special units in existence included: SK 1 (motorcycle unit) of about 30 men; S 1 (tank and SP gun unit) of undetermined strength; S 5 (engineers), about 50 men; and LA 7 (motor transport unit) equipped with about 70 trucks. The S 1 unit was organized into three platoons and was equipped with a total of 10 tanks including one command tank. ¹
4. On 19 January, the instruction platoon of the 1st Regt demonstrated advanced combat practice firing to VP Kommandeure at Koenigsbrueck. An attack was made against a system of three trenches arranged one behind the other on a front of about 2,500 meters. The demonstration was badly prepared and was not successful.
5. Officers identified at the Verband included:

Lieutenant Colonel Streletz (fnu), commanding officer;
 Major Becker (fnu), political officer;
 Captain Loos (fnu), SSD officer in the personnel section;
 Major Muench (fnu), supply officer;
 Captain Bose (fnu), chief of staff.

Another 60 field grade officers were attached to the headquarters of the Verband.

The following officer of the 1st Regt were identified:

Senior Lieutenant Irrscher (fnu), commanding officer;
 Senior Lieutenant Grimm (fnu), SED officer;
 Junior Lieutenant Hochbaum (fnu), FDJ officer;

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Senior Lieutenant Kuegler (fmu), political officer;
 Captain Kapels (fmu), supply officer;
 Junior Lieutenant Langer (fmu), chief of staff;
 Lieutenant Herrmann (fmu), deputy command officer.

1. Comment. There was no change in the personnel strength of the KVID after November 1952. The same applies to the composition of the Verband. The designation of the special units in paragraph 3 is reported for the first time. It is unknown whether this new designation is in force with the entire VF.

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2. Comment. ^a
 total of 100 men arrived at the division in Irenzlau on 31 January 1953.

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3. Comment. Lieutenant Colonel Streletz, Major Becker and Captain Bose are confirmed in the assignments mentioned.

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